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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The U.S. bishops are joining together in a commitment of prayer and penance leading up to the bishops' general assembly, when we will address critical issues in regard to clergy sexual abuse: transparency, bishops' accountability, the healing of victims, etc. With my brother bishops across the nation, I will be dedicating myself to seven days of intensified prayer and fasting, from November 5 to 11. The intentions for this period of prayer and sacrifice are three-fold:

- *For the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse.*
- *For the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse.*
- *For a deepened conversion of the bishops to be shepherds of the least who protect the flock, bind up the injured and seek out the lost (cf. Ez. 34:16).*

I would be grateful if you joined me in these prayers. Also, I would appreciate your prayers for me and my brother bishops during our general assembly November 12-15, that we may follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit in responding to the tragedy of clergy sexual abuse in the Church.

In addition, I have the responsibility to inform you that recently I received a letter from the Vatican which stated that Pope Francis has imposed the same restrictions on Bishop Joseph Hart which I put in place earlier – that he is prohibited from participating in any public celebration of the Liturgy and that he is not to have any contact with minors. Please remember him in your prayers.

Finally, please pray for unity and healing in our Church, and be assured of my prayers for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Biegler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bishop Steven Biegler
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